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Public Safety and Security Committee**

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HB 5113, AN ACT CONCERNING POOL SAFETY AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) supports HB 5113, An Act Concerning Pool Safety at Public Schools, which establishes a state-wide policy for pool safety in public schools.

We support the current model that the Connecticut Association of Schools and Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association are proposing to have a certified teacher who is a certified lifeguard and another certified lifeguard in the school pool area at all times. As their proposal details, the need to be certified in CPR and have the teacher be a certified water safety instructor is also a necessity-and we support this as well.

As best practice is established, CABE will continue to work with districts to promote and maintain the safety of student and faculty.

We appreciate your attention to this issue.